

excuse for this meeting was that Bottini was to handle a divorce case for Mr. Mayer, but during the conversation the Halls and Mills case was discussed and Mayer began to seek information in that direction.

On May 26th, 1926 Mayer went to Bottini's office at 302 Broadway and remained there from 3:45 to 6: P.M. and he (Mayer) offered Bottini \$500 if Bottini would give Mayer information on the Halls and Mills case. On this day Bottini called Mrs. Marsh on the telephone while Mayer was in Bottini's office. Mayer on this day rode in taxi #048-283.

On June 3rd, 1926 Peter Sommers was at Bottini's office and wanted to get reference for a pistol permit.

On July 7th, 1926 Sommers was again in Bottini's office for the purpose of getting some work on the Interborough Rapid Transit strike.

On July 20th, 1926 Mayer called Bottini on the telephone and wanted Bottini to go over and see Phillip Payne for the purpose of giving him information he (Bottini) had concerning the work he (Bottini) had done on the Halls and Mills case, and he (Mayer) asked Bottini to name any price that he wanted.

On July 22nd, 1926 Mayer again appeared at Bottini's office and spoke to Jones and Bottini. On this day Mayer tried to purchase a 32 calibre revolver from Shovering Daly and Gales whose address is 302 Broadway, but it seems that Mayer did not have a permit and Jones put in a knock and for this reason it is believed the gun was not sold to him. I am informed that Bottini also states that during one of these conversations with Mayer, that Mayer admitted to Bottini that Payne's suspicions were in the direction of Mills but that he (Mayer) said he was going to convince Payne to the contrary and further that Mrs. Hall would make a better newspaper story. If necessary I am informed that Bottini will testify to all this.

The information is at the present time that Peter Sommers is working for the Daily Mirror or the Luisi Investigating Company at 16 Exchange Place. I might state that Francis J. Farley of 522 West 158th